



# UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

## INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES (Effective from July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012)

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	FREE MEALS Income Less Than or Equal to the Numbers Below					REDUCED MEALS	PAID MEALS Greater Than the Numbers Below				
Household Size	Annually	Monthly	Twice A Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly		Annually	Monthly	Twice A Month	Every Two Weeks	Weekly
1	14,157	1,180	590	545	273	Greater Than Free and Less Than Paid	20,147	1,679	840	775	388
2	19,123	1,594	797	736	368		27,214	2,268	1,134	1,047	524
3	24,089	2,008	1,004	927	464		34,281	2,857	1,429	1,319	660
4	29,055	2,422	1,211	1,118	559		41,348	3,446	1,723	1,591	796
5	34,021	2,836	1,418	1,309	655		48,415	4,035	2,018	1,863	932
6	38,987	3,249	1,625	1,500	750		55,482	4,624	2,312	2,134	1,067
7	43,953	3,663	1,832	1,691	846		62,549	5,213	2,607	2,406	1,203
8	48,919	4,077	2,039	1,882	941		69,616	5,802	2,901	2,678	1,339
For each additional Family member.	4,966	414	207	191	96		7,067	589	295	272	136

**NOTICE:** Unless the Income Eligibility Form indicates that the participant is eligible for SNAP [Food Stamps], FDPIR or FAIM/TANF, all information requested on the Income Eligibility Form (with the exception of the individual's race) must be completed in order to place the participant in the "Free" or "Reduced" category. If a parent or guardian chooses not to give this information, place the family in the "Paid" category.

**Family Size/Household Size:** This means all the participants and adults (related or unrelated) who live in the household and share living expenses or meals.

**Household Monthly Gross Income:** Monthly income received by each household member must be listed separately on the lines provided. Income includes:

1. Gross wages, salaries, commissions and fees.
2. Social Security, welfare, pension or unemployment payments.
3. Dividends and interest payments.
4. Alimony, child support or other regular contributions from persons outside the household.
5. Other cash income.
6. Government, civilian or military retirement, or veteran's payment.
7. Private pensions or annuities.
8. Net income from self-employment, including farming.
9. Net income from rent or royalties.

**TO DETERMINE CATEGORY:**

1. Review the income eligibility form for completeness. In order to place children in the "Free" or "Reduced" category the forms must contain:
  - a. Names of children enrolled.
  - b. Gross income received by each household member, or case number for TANF/FAIM, FDPIR or SNAP [Food stamps].
  - c. Signature of parent/guardian and their Social Security Number.
2. Find the line on the chart that corresponds to the total number of children and adults in the household. Follow across the page until you come to the figure that includes the household's total monthly income. This will identify the appropriate category (free, reduced or paid eligibility).